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1. In mid-August 1950 it was learned that the Henne Kaserne, Erfurt (H 51/J 36), which had, until recently, been a Soviet hospital, was occupied by VP units which, according to a policeman stationed there, numbered more than 2,000 police. The personnel wore blue uniforms and a black-red-gold police star on their caps. They were trained with carbines, submachine guns and model 34 machine guns. A hundred to two hundred police could be observed daily cleaning the yard and the quarters. *
2. VP columns of 120 to 150 men were repeatedly observed in the streets of Erfurt during the first half of August 1950. They allegedly belonged to the units stationed in the Henne Kaserne which received military training outside the city limits, allegedly near the village of Daberstedt. The training of the VP units was observed by Soviet officers and NCOs who hold a critique after each phase of training.
3. Command car [] was the only police vehicle observed in the area of the Henne Kaserne.

* [] Comment. A report of mid-July 1950 stated that the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty) moved from Apolda to Erfurt where it was quartered in the Henne or Artillerie Kaserne. []
 The information on the activities of the personnel indicates that the VP Bereitschaft had not fully established itself in the barracks installation and had not resumed artillery drill by mid-August 1950. Besides the 1st VP Bereitschaft in the Henne Kaserne, the 5th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) is carried in the Berg Kaserne on Petersberg, Erfurt. []

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